

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
**HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY VETERINARY COMMAND**  
**OPERATIONAL RATIONS INSPECTION PROCEDURE (OPRATS IP28)**  
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**Survival Food Packet - Abandon Ship Inspection**

1.0 **PURPOSE:** To provide clear procedures in performing inspections of Survival Food Packet - Abandon Ship.

2.0 **SCOPE:**

2.1 This VETCOM OPRATS IP applies to Army Veterinary Inspectors (AVI) assigned to post, camp, or stations with responsibility for performing Abandon Ship surveillance inspections.

2.2 This VETCOM OPRATS IP discusses procedures and inspection guidance not covered in DSCPH 4155.2, Appendix F.

3.0 **DEFINITIONS:**

3.1 Refer to DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Definitions

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3.3 Food Packet, Survival, Abandon Ship – Used by the Navy to sustain one person for 3 days (using two bars per day) who must abandon ship and is designed to fit in the storage areas of lifesaving craft.

3.3.1 Characteristics – The packet contains calorically dense cereal bars with a minimum of six equally shaped, commercially available, individually wrapped bars per intermediate box. The components have maximum stability for storage in on-deck craft under all climatic conditions.

3.3.2 Shelf Life – Seven years at 80 degrees F (27 degrees C), this meets the requirements in the U.S. Coast Guard Regulations Governing Emergency Provisions for Lifeboats and Life Rafts.

3.3.3 Nutritional Data – Each packet provides approximately 2400 kilocalories (54% carbohydrate). It is strictly a short-term survival food. The consumption of this ration minimizes the metabolic effects of acute starvation. The components are compatible with potable water restrictions.

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**4.0 REFERENCES:**

- 4.1 DSCP Handbook 4155.2
- 4.2 DSCPH 4155.2, Appendix F
- 4.3 Natick Pam 30-25, 8<sup>th</sup> Edition
- 4.4 CID-A-A-20247A, Commercial Item Description for Food Packet, Survival, Abandon Ship
- 4.5 MEDCOM Regulation 40-28
- 4.6 MEDCOM Pamphlet 40-13
- 4.7 VETCOM Handbook 40-3, Installation Support Plan (ISP) Program

**5.0 PROCEDURES:**

5.1 General Examination for Transportation Damage/Obvious Defects.

5.1.1 A complete receipt inspection is not required if a current inspection report accompanies the shipment

5.1.2 Abandon Ship packets delivered to various installations directly from the MRE assembly plant (Wornick, Ameriquel, and Sopacko) or the assembly contractor's facility (i.e. NewView Oklahoma) does not require a complete receipt inspection. These shipments must have a DD Form 250 with block 21 (Contract Quality Assurance) completed and signed for the Chief, Operational Rations, VETCOM HQ, by the in-plant/procurement AVIs. Inspect these deliveries only for transportation damage/obvious defects.

5.2 Types and Frequency of Inspections.

- 5.2.1 Receipt Inspection – IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII A.
  - 5.2.2 In-storage Inspection – IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII B.
  - 5.2.3 Warranty Inspection – IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII C.
  - 5.2.4 Prior to Sale or Shipment (Surveillance) Inspection – IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII D.
  - 5.2.5 Special Inspection – IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, Paragraph VIII E.
- 5.3 Formation of Lots. IAW DSCPH 4155.2, Appendix F, Paragraph II.C.3.

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5.4 Normal Inspection.

5.4.1 The AVIs will perform normal surveillance inspections IAW DSCPH 4155.2, Appendix F, Paragraphs II.A thru II.I.

5.4.2 The lot size for the Abandon Ship is the total number of food packets.

**NOTE:** Abandon Ship packets are issued by the packet not cases. The AVI will pay particular attention to the shipping container sample size.

5.5 Special Inspection. The AVI will perform special inspections IAW DSCPH 4155.2, Appendix F, Paragraphs III.A thru III.D.

5.6 Monograph. The monograph for the Abandon Ship is posted in the DCSP Quality Assurance Publications website at,  
<https://www.dscp.dla.mil/subs/support/qapubs/appf/FPSAB01.pdf>

5.7 Condition Code and Lot Disposition. The AVI will condition code the Abandon Ship IAW DSCPH 4155.2, Appendix F, Paragraphs II.G.1 thru II.G.8, III.C.1-2., and Table N.

5.8 Shelf Life. The AVI may extend the shelf life of the Abandon Ship based on the inspection results and IAW DSCPH 4155.2 Paragraph VIII.B.a thru VIII.B.c.

5.9 Nonconformance Reporting. Perform IAW DSCP Handbook 4155.2, and DSCPH 4155.2, Appendix F, Paragraphs II.H and III.D.

**6.0 RECORD, REPORT, AND FORMS:**

6.1 DSCP Form 5117.

6.2 Maintain a copy of the completed DSCP Form 5117 in the local file.

6.3 Do not post Abandon Ship inspection reports in the Lotus Notes MRE Inspection database.

6.4 A CVR will be completed for each ration inspection to establish a record in the ISP application and capture the manpower required.